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SUBJ: FOOTNOTE ON MY CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

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1. DURING MY CONVERSATION WITH PRIMIN CHOI (REFTEL), I VOLUNTEERED SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE KIND OF INITIATIVE THAT MIGHT HELP THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT GET THEIR DIALOGUE WITH US BACK TO THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF PRACTICAL PROCEDURES TO CONCLUDE THE KIM DONG JO CONTROVERSY. I ARGUED THAT A KOREAN INITIATIVE WOULD NOT ONLY HELP SPEAKER O'NEILL AND THE HOUSE LEADERSHIP BUT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THE KOREANS WITH A MUCH NEEDED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITION TO CONGRESS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC. SPECIFICALLY, I ASKED WHY THE ROKG COULD NOT INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR KIM YONG SHIK TO CALL ON THE SPEAKER AND PRESENT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IN THE MOST FORTHCOMING MANNER POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVELY I SUGGESTED THAT KIM DONG JO TELEPHONE THE SPEAKER NOW TO TELL HIM THAT THE CONTROVERSY HAD DRAGGED ON TOO LONG AND THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FORTHCOMING RESPONSES TO ANY QUERIES SUBMITTED TO HIM. THE CALL COULD THEN BE

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PUBLICIZED. THE PRIMIN SEEMED INTERESTED IN THESE SUGGESTIONS AND IT WAS AT THIS POINT THAT HE SAID HE WOULD SUMMON THE FONMIN BACK TO SEOUL.

2. PRIOR TO THE CONVERSATION WITH CHOI, I ASKED THE STATION CHIEF TO CONVEY A MESSAGE TO THE DIRECTOR OF KCIA ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF A KOREAN INITIATIVE AND THE

IMPORTANCE OF A KOREAN GOVERNMENT AFFIRMATION THAT KIM DONG
JO WOULD BE HELPFUL IN RESPONDING TO CONGRESSIONAL QUERIES.
GLEYSTEEN

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